

In response to the requirement, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse, Species I, Figure 3. Claims 12 and 13 are readable on the elected species.

The Examiner noted that an oral election was not made pursuant to the telephone call to Applicants' attorney on May 9, 2003. It is noted this Action was mailed May 22, 2003. Applicants' undersigned attorney contacted the Examiner on May 21, 2003 and provisionally elected Figure 3 and noted claims 12 and 13 were readable thereon.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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